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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC GRIEVANCE DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 10th October, 2025

No.34124─GAD-SC-RULES-0020/2025/Gen. ─ In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India, and in supersession of the Odisha Discontinuance of payment of application and examination fees for recruitment to different Posts and Services in the State Government Rules, 2022,except as respect things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, the Governor of Odisha hereby makes the following rules to regulate the method of Payment of Recruitment Examination Fees and Refund thereof to Candidates who appear in the examination, namely:-

1. Short title and commencement:- (1) These rules may be called the Odisha payment of recruitment examination fees and refund Rules, 2025.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the *Odisha Gazette*.

2. Definitions:- (1) In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) "Examination" means competitive examination conducted by the recruiting agency for different posts and services in the State Government;

(b) "Recruiting Agency" means the Odisha Public Service Commission, Odisha Staff Selection Commission constituted under the Odisha Staff Selection Commission Rules, 1993, Odisha Sub-ordinate Staff Selection Commission constituted under the Odisha Sub-ordinate Staff Selection Commission (District Cadre) Rules, 2012 and such other agencies as the State Government may, by notification, declared in this behalf; and

(c) "State Government" means the Government of Odisha.

(2) All other words and expressions used in these rules but not specifically defined shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the same meaning as respective assigned to them in the Odisha Service Code.

3. Payment of Examination Fee:- (1) Candidates except Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and Persons with Disability (PwDs) category, applying for recruitment to any posts and services in the State Government shall be required to pay a prescribed examination fee as notified by the recruiting agency from time to time.

(2) The examination fee shall be paid through such modes and within such time limits as may be specified by the recruiting agency.

4. Refund of Examination Fee:- (1) The examination fee paid under rule 3 shall be refunded to candidates who actually appear for the recruitment examination.

(2) The refund shall be processed within a reasonable period after the conduct of the examination and completion of verification of attendance records.

(3)The refund shall be credited to the bank account or payment method used at the time of registration, or as otherwise specified by the authority.

(4) No refund shall be admissible to candidates who fail to appear in the examination for any reason whatsoever.

(5) The authority conducting the examination shall take necessary steps to ensure transparency and efficiency in the refund process.

By Order of the Governor
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